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SUBJECT: VOLUNTART VISITOR PROGRAM: OFFICIAL VISIT OF
ALAIN CHARBONNEL

1. ALAIN CHARBONNEL, A YOUNG ARCHITECT, HAS BEEN FORMALLY DESIGNATED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO VISIT THE US IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER TO STUDY THE US SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS. M. CHARBONNEL WILL FOCUS HIS ATTENTION PRIMARILY ON THE FEDERAL OPERATION, BUT IS INTERESTED IN STATE AND MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS AS WELL.

2. M. CHARBONNEL WISHES TO OBTAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ORGANIZATIONS, REGULATIONS, METHODS OF FINANCING, AND CONTROLS UTILIZED BY US AUTHORITIES IN CONSTRUCTING PUBLIC BUILDINGS (OTHER THAN HOUSING), INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE ARCHITECTS AND THOSE CHARGED WITH THE ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION, AND LABOR RELATIONS. HE ADMITS TO BEING NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE US ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM AND ORGANIZATIONS, BUT HAS EXPRESSED A SPECIFIC INTEREST IN MEETING WITH, IN ADDITION TO THE FEDERAL AGENCIES MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED, THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, AND THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION.
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HE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN VISITING ONE STATE (HE MENTIONED PENNSYLVANIA) AND ONE CITY SUCH AS BALTIMORE. WE HAVE SUGGESTED, IN ADDITION, THAT HE TALK TO THE AFL-CIO BUILDING TRADES DEPARTMENT, AND THE APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND GAO.

3. M. CHARBONNEL WILL LEAVE PARIS, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS

WIFE, ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 6 FOR NEW YORK, WHERE HE
WILL SPEND SEVERAL DAYS ON A PRIVATE VISIT, ARRIVING
IN WASHINGTON AROUND AUGUST 10. HE WAS A STUDENT IN
THE US AND SPEAKS ENGLISH FLUENTLY.

4. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF A SUITABLE PROGRAM COULD
BE DEVELOPED FOR M. CHARBONNEL, AND THAT THE NAME OF A
USG CONTACT BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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